

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL  
ASSOCIATION BOARD

1936

MINUTES  
of the  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



# The International Football Association Board.

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held at

**Marine Hotel, Troon, 13th June, 1936**

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The undernoted representatives constituted the Board:—

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.—Messrs. J. Fleming (Presiding), and D. Bowie, with Mr. G. G. Graham (Secretary), who acted as Secretary to the meeting.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.—Messrs. W. Pickford and H. J. Huband, J.P., with Mr. S. F. Rous (Secretary).

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES.—Mr. B. Watts Jones and Lieut.-Col. J. L. Williams, J.P., with Mr. T. Robbins (Secretary).

THE IRISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.—Messrs. J. MacBride and J. Ferguson, with Mr. C. Watson (Secretary).

LA FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.—Dr. P. J. Bauwens and Mr. H. Delaunay, with Dr. I. Schricker (Secretary).

*Also Present.*—Messrs. J. Bogie (Hon. Treasurer), Scottish F.A.; and J. M. Small (Hon. Treasurer), Irish F.A.

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Minutes of Meeting held at Shanklin, I.O.W., on 8th June, 1935, were confirmed.

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It was agreed that the following telegram be sent to His Majesty the King:—

“The International Football Association Board, comprising representatives from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and European nations, assembled for their annual meeting at Troon, Scotland, desires to express its deepest sympathy on the death of His Majesty King George V., whose great interest in the game was so much appreciated by the governing Associations. The Board also desires to convey to His Majesty King Edward VIII. an assurance of its loyalty and affection, and the sincere hope that his reign may be long and distinguished.”



The following telegram was received in reply :—

“ The King sincerely appreciates your Board's kind message of sympathy and the loyal assurances which accompany it.—PRIVATE SECRETARY.”

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided to record the deep and sincere appreciation of the Board of the many valued services rendered to the game by the late Mr. John McKenna, who from 1920 was a representative of The Football Association on the Board.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, welcomed Mr. H. J. Huband, J.P., Hon. Treasurer, The Football Association, as successor to the late Mr. McKenna.

The Board passed a Resolution of congratulation to Sir Charles Clegg, J.P., President of The Football Association, on the occasion of the eighty-sixth anniversary of his birthday—June 15th.

## LAWS OF THE GAME.

Proposal by the Scottish Football Association was, in an amended form, declared to be adopted by the requisite majority, La Federation Internationale de Football Association alone being against :—

PRESENT LAW.	ALTERATION.
<p>Law 7.—When the ball is played behind the goal-line by a player of the opposite side, it shall be kicked off by any one of the players behind whose goal-line it went, within that half of the goal area nearest the point where the ball left the field of play; but, if played behind by any one of the side whose goal-line it is, a player of the opposite side shall kick it from within 1 yard of the nearest corner flag-staff (a). In either case an opponent shall not be allowed within 10 yards of the ball until it is kicked off, and the kicker shall not again play the ball until it has been played by another player.</p>	<p>Delete first sentence and substitute:—</p> <p>“ When the ball is played behind the goal-line by a player of the opposite side, it shall be kicked direct into play beyond the penalty area by any one of the players behind whose goal-line it went, within that half of the goal area nearest the point where the ball left the field of play (a); but if played behind by any one of the side whose goal-line it is, a player of the opposite side shall kick it from within one yard of the nearest corner flag-staff ” (b).</p> <p>Law 7 (a). Decision of the International Board:—</p> <p>“ It is not permissible for the goalkeeper to receive the ball into his hands from a goalkick by another player in order that he may thereafter kick it into play; the ball must be kicked direct from the goal area into play and, if not kicked beyond the penalty area, the kick shall be retaken.”</p> <p>Law 7. Decision of the International Board:—</p> <p>Present footnote (a) to become (b).</p>

The Board decided to recommend the British Associations and La Federation Internationale de Football Association to consider whether the principle applying to the taking of a goalkick laid down in Law 7 and footnote (a) thereto should also be made applicable to all free kicks taken by a defending side within the penalty area.



The following proposals by The Football Association were unanimously adopted:—

PRESENT LAW.	ALTERATION.
<p>Law 10. First sentence:—  “ When a free kick has been awarded, the kicker’s opponents shall not approach within ten yards of the ball until the kick is taken, unless they are standing on their own goal-line.”</p> <p>Law 12. First sentence:—  “ A player shall not wear any nails, except such as have their heads driven in flush with the leather, or metal plates or projections, or gutta percha, on his boots, or on his shin guards.”</p> <p>Law 12. Decision of the International Board (b):—  “ A player returning to the field of play, or a player joining his team after play has commenced, without reporting to the referee, should be cautioned; if he commits a more important offence apart from that he should be penalised according to the Law.”</p>	<p>Law 2. New footnote (b). Decision of the International Board:—  “ (b) A Referee’s control over the players for misconduct or ungentlemanly behaviour commences from the time he enters the field of play, but his jurisdiction in connection with the Laws of the Game commences from the time he blows his whistle for the game to start.”</p> <p>Law 10. First sentence:—  Add at the end of the sentence “ between the goal-posts.”</p> <p>Law 12. First sentence:—  Substitute the following:—“ The nails in a player’s boots shall be driven in flush with the leather and the player shall not wear metal plates or projections or gutta-percha on his boots or on his shin guards.”</p> <p>Law 12. Decision of the International Board (b):—  Add after “ cautioned ” the words—“ and if the game is stopped it should be resumed in accordance with Law 16.”</p> <p>Add at the end of the Decision the words “ he infringes.”</p>

The following proposal by The Football Association was, by leave, withdrawn:—

PRESENT LAW.	ALTERATION.
<p>Law 12. Sixth sentence:—  “ A player having left the field of play through this or any other cause, or a player joining his team after play has commenced, may only enter the field when the ball has ceased to be in play, and must report to the Referee.”</p>	<p>After the word “ field ” add “ at the half-way line.”</p>

#### MISCELLANEA.

1. Intimation having been made of the receipt of correspondence from The Football Association of the Irish Free State, it was decided that an Association not directly represented on the Board could communicate with the Board only through the Association representing their interests; that so far as The Football Association of the Irish Free State is concerned that body is La Federation Internationale de Football Association, which is recognised as the authority controlling the National Associations of all countries in membership.

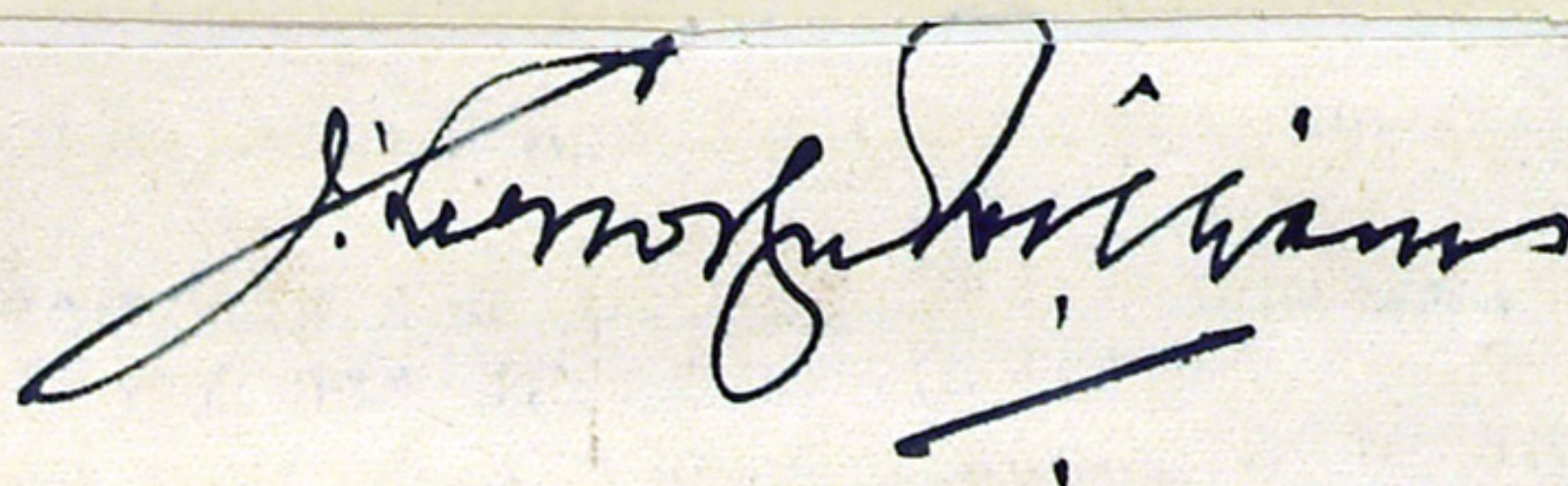


2. The four British National Associations do not recognise officially any Association not in membership with La Federation Internationale de Football Association.

3. To mark the Jubilee of the International Board (1886-1936), it was decided that the representatives attending the meeting this year should receive a specially designed badge, suitably inscribed. The matter was left to The Football Association for arrangement, the cost to be borne equally by the Associations of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and La Federation Internationale de Football Association.

4. The Football Association of Wales intimated that the annual meeting of the Board on 12th June, 1937, would be held at Llandudno.

5. The Chairman was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.



SCOTTISH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD.

Report of meeting held in the Marine Hotel, Troon, on Saturday 13th June, 1936, of a Committee constituted under agreement of the International Board of 10th June, 1933 (as amended 1935);-

The Scottish F.A. were represented by Messrs. J. Fleming (Presiding) and T. Crawley with Mr. G. G. Graham (Secretary), and The Football Association by Messrs. W. Pickford and H. J. Huband J. P. with Mr. S. F. Rous (Secretary).

Claim by Cumnock Juniors F.C. (Scotland) v Colchester Town F.C. (England) for £100 compensation for alleged improper approaching and signing two players, viz., T. Marshall and G. Johnstone - both registered professional players of the former club.

Having fully discussed the matter, meeting adjourned for further consideration.

James Fleming. Chairman  
G. G. Graham Act/Secretary



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Report on further consideration of claim by Cumnock Juniors F.C. (Scotland) v Colchester Town F.C. (England) for £100 compensation for alleged improper approaching and signing two players, viz., T. Marshall and G. Johnstone - both registered professional players of the former club;-

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The representatives of the Associations agreed;-

- (1) A. Gourlay who arranged for the players going to Colchester Town F.C. without the knowledge or consent of Cumnock Juniors F.C. was acting on behalf of the club and with their knowledge and, therefore, the club must be held responsible for his actions even though such actions went outwith his authority or created a position not originally contemplated.
- (2) That Colchester Town F.C. compensate Cumnock Juniors F.C. in a sum of £40 to be paid through the National Associations not later than 15th September, 1936.
- (3) That Cumnock Juniors F.C. deposit be returned.
- (4) Report to be included in the International Board Minute Book for reference purposes along with report of meeting held at Troon on 13th June, 1936.

*James Fleming. Chairman*

*Geo. G. Graham, act. Secretary*



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13th JUNE, 1936.

PRESENT:-

Scotland

James Fleming.  
Douglas Bowie.  
James Boffie  
G. G. Graham Secretary

England

W. Riches  
J. D. Wood  
S. D. Rous (Secretary).

J. D. Matthews  
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Ireland

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H. M. B. B. B.  
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